

OPERATIVE SURGERY. By J. SHELTON HORSLEY, M.D., F.A.C.S.,
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Pp. 721; 613 illustrations. St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company,
1921.

THE many years' experience of the author has been crystallized in this masterful book on operative surgery. Throughout the text the keynote is the relation of physiology to surgery and the preservation of the functional ability of an organ when its anatomy is necessarily modified by operation. The author lays great stress on a proper conception of the biological phenomena as being of as great importance as the mere knowledge of surgical technic or the ability to perform an anatomically perfect operation.

The volume does not purport to be an encyclopedia of all surgical procedures, but is a selection of those personally found to be of the greatest value, although in many instances several operations appropriate for different aspects of the same underlying affection will be found. Especially, in view of their excellence, mention must be made of the chapters on plastic surgery and the surgery of the bloodvessel system, in which the author is a recognized master and authority. Systemic surgery is described in the various chapters in a style easily readable, with the description clear and quickly comprehensible and with sufficient discussion of the variations of conditions and complications to be met. In addition to the chapters on systemic surgery there are sections dealing with technic, complications, drainage, transfusion, incisions and the general principles of operative surgery. The book is splendidly and profusely illustrated. The volume will take its place at once in the front rank of the text-books on operative surgery.

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DISEASES OF THE SKIN. By J. M. H. MACLEOD, M.D., Physician for Diseases of the Skin, Charing Cross Hospital; Physician for Diseases of the Skin, London Hospital for Tropical Diseases; Physician to the Skin Department, Victoria Hospital for Children; Lecturer on Dermatology, Charing Cross Medical College and London School of Tropical Medicine; formerly editor of the *British Journal of Dermatology*; Vice-President, Dermatological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine; Membre de la Société Française de Dermatologie; Corresponding Member of the American Dermatological Association. Pp. 1307; 23 illustrations in color and 435 figures in black and white. New York: Paul B. Hoeber, 1921.

MACLEOD, after a thorough and complete understanding of the normal histology and pathological changes that occur in the skin,

has completed an excellent text-book on dermatology. It is unusual for one author to have written extensively in book form on the pathology of the skin, and in addition a text-book on dermatology covering all phases of this important subject.

MacLeod's work both as to illustration and text is monumental, as very few books on dermatology have attained this proportion and completeness.

The preliminary portion of the subject is unusually well covered—158 pages of text help the reader in the elucidation of the individual diseases. Classification of the various diseases has again, as in other text-books on the subject, proved difficult, as the etiology of so many dermatological conditions is as yet unfathomed.

The diseases of the skin are described under the following headings: Congenital affections of the skin; cutaneous affections due to cold; cutaneous affections due to heat; cutaneous affections due to sunlight; dermatitis due to electricity, roentgen rays and radium; dermatitis due to local irritants; cutaneous affections due to streptococci, to staphylococci, to fungi, to bacilli, to protozoa (syphilis), to animal parasites; pruritus; erythemata; urticaria and allied conditions; drug eruptions; lichen; eczema and rosacea; scaly affections; vesicular and bullous affections; lupus erythematosus; mycosis fungoides; affections of the cutaneous bloodvessels; anomalies of pigmentation; atrophies of the skin; affections of the hair, of the hair follicles, of the sebaceous glands, of the sweat apparatus, of the nails, of the lips and mouth; benign neoplasms of the skin; malignant neoplasms of the skin; pseudoneoplasms of the skin and tropical affections of the skin.

The photographs are excellent, the illustrations in color good, but some are of a rather vivid hue.

The volume is a credit to the author and the publisher, and can be thoroughly recommended as one of the best works on dermatology extant.

F. C. K.

THE TREATMENT OF ACUTE INFECTIOUS DISEASES. By FRANK SHERMAN MEARA, M.D., PH.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine, Cornell University Medical College; Consulting Physician to Bellevue Hospital, New York; to the Mountainside Hospital, Montclair, N. J.; to the Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, N. J., etc. Second edition, revised. Pp. 806. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1921.

A REVISION of the original text has been made to accommodate the many changes necessitated by the increase in the knowledge of certain of the acute infectious diseases, such as measles, streptococcus pneumonia and meningitis. The results of epidemics in the military camps have added to the literature much information of value.